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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Elazar RABBANI, et al.
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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF APRIL 6, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Office Action Restriction Requirement ("Office Action") mailed in the above-captioned application ("the Application") on April 6, 2005, thereby extending the period for reply up to and including August 7, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a requisite three-month extension of time fee for a small entity in the amount of \$510.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Additionally, Applicants submit the requisite fees for a small entity for the addition of one independent claim and one dependent claim in the amount of \$125.00.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 115 of this paper.

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